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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazuo Ohba

Serial No.: 09/701,504

Filed: November 29, 2000

For: ARM FOR ELASTIC DOLL, METHOD

FOR MOLDING SAME AND MOLD

THEREFOR

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

January 23, 2002

Irvine, California 92614

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of January 14, 2002 and prior to an examination of the merits of the above-identified case, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second and third paragraphs on page 1 with the following re-written paragraphs:

In general, arms and legs for an elastic doll are constructed so as to be bent, to thereby permit the doll to make a desired pose, so that it may exhibit increased reality. For this purpose, it has been conventionally considered that a core is preferably